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To: McLerran, Dennis; Woods, Jim
Cc: Harris, Dona
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Hey there Dennis and Jim,

I hope all is well. I wanted to tag team with you about responding to this note from Kelly. Jim, maybe you and I can touch base tomorrow and make sure our messaging is in sync.

Warmly,

JoAnn

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JoAnn, as you should be well aware, the Shoshone Bannock Tribes requested a Government to Government consultation and were told that they had already had one on the IRODA. During this specific consultation, EPA said that they would be back for the implementation component. Tribes have expressed concerns with the rationale as to why EPA continues to spread contamination on our homelands. As a Sovereign Nation with a Peace Treaty, we were provided treaty rights where we can fish, hunt, gather and perform cultural ceremonies on unoccupied lands of the federal government.

With that said, EPA is allowing contamination to be spread across our homelands where we are told that we must stay on the Fort Hall Reservation. Unlike others, we cannot leave the Reservation without losing these Treaty Rights which were established in the 1868 Fort Bridger Treaty signed as a peaceful agreement. So back to the point, Tribal members are to remain here so why doesn't EPA honor their own rules and regulations? I am disappointed that EPA does not even comply with their own statement regarding environmental justice.

In EPA's own words, "*Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. EPA has this goal for all communities and persons across this Nation. It will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.*"

With that said, perhaps you can advise your management that neither HQ or Region 10 comply with the Executive Order on Government to Government consultation. How sad!

Disappointed

Kelly